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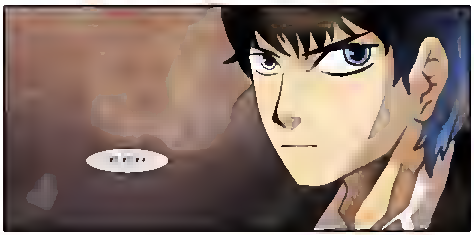
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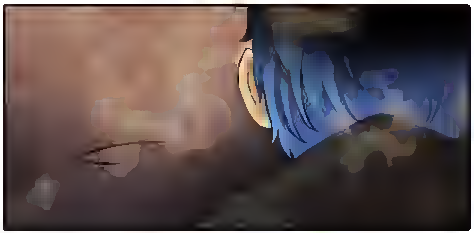
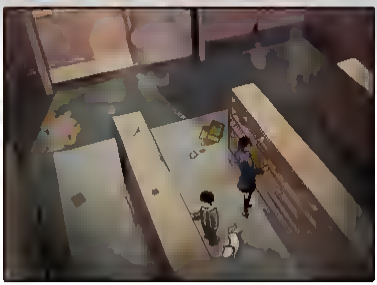
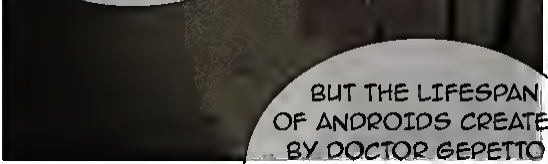




UGH! DUST...
COUGH
COUGH
!

I'LL PROBABLY BE THE FIRST ONE TO STOP.
YOU OR ME, WE BOTH NEED THE INHERITANCE.
YOU COULD SAY THAT I'M THE MORE DESPERATE ONE.
...DID YOU HEAR FROM WHALE ABOUT THE INHERITANCE?
KUHAHAHA- NO WAY. I DIDN'T EVEN MENTION IT. I WOULDN'T DARE TO.



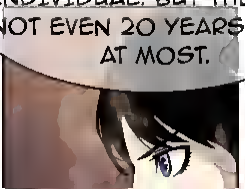
BUT THE LIFESPAN OF ANDROIDS CREATED BY DOCTOR GEPETTO DEPENDS ON THEIR ARTIFICIAL BRAINS, WHICH CANNOT BE SWAPPED OUT.

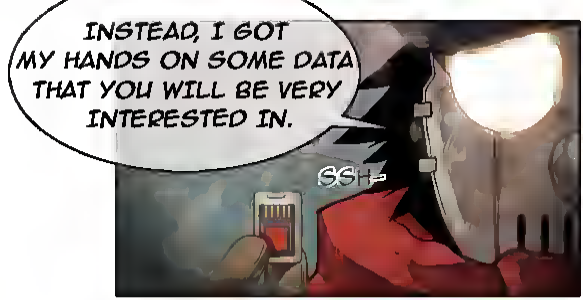
AT THE SHORTEST, 100 TO 120 YEARS.

AT THE LONGEST, EVERY ANDROID WILL SHUT DOWN WITHIN 130 YEARS.

ROSAURA SAID SHE'S BEEN OPERATING FOR OVER 100 YEARS NOW, SO THE LIFESPAN OF THE REMAINING ANDROIDS...

IT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL. BUT THERE'S NOT EVEN 20 YEARS LEFT AT MOST.




INSTEAD, I GOT MY HANDS ON SOME DATA THAT YOU WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN.
SSH-

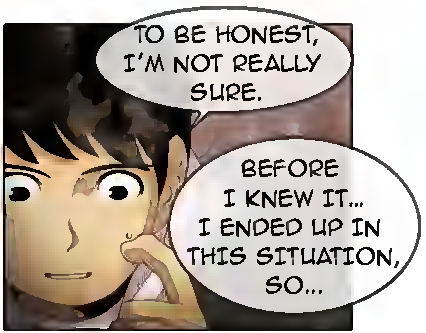
A MEMORY CHIP?

KUHAHAHA- THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN DETECTED BY THE SPIDER CAMS ALL THIS TIME. BUT WHY DID YOU MOVE SO CARELESSLY THIS TIME?
THANKS TO THAT, YOUR EXISTENCE IS NOW KNOWN.
THE SITUATION WASN'T ALL THAT EASY.
WHALE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO AN AREA CROWDED WITH HUMANS.
IF I TOOK MY TIME AND AVOIDED ALL THE SPIDER CAMS, THE HUMANS MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED HER FIRST.
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
GRAB
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT I CAN DESTROY YOU WHENEVER I WANT, HAVE YOU?

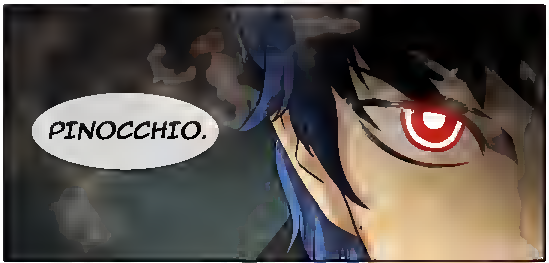
GEPETTO'S INHERITANCE.

COLODI.
DON'T YOU REGRET MEETING ME?
.....
YOU GOT CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING THAT WASN'T RELEVANT TO YOU.


TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
BEFORE I KNEW IT... I ENDED UP IN THIS SITUATION, SO...

BUT ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE, I DON'T LIKE THAT YOU HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING.

KUHAHAHA-
THAT WAS FAST.
YOU MUST BE QUITE DESPERATE.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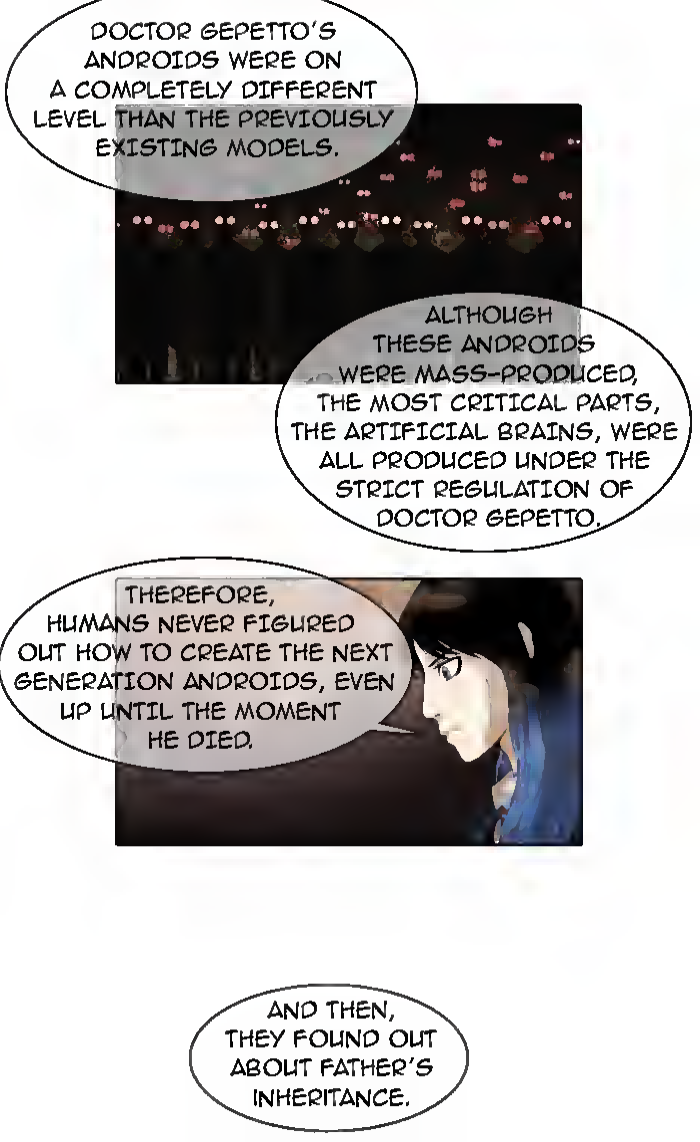
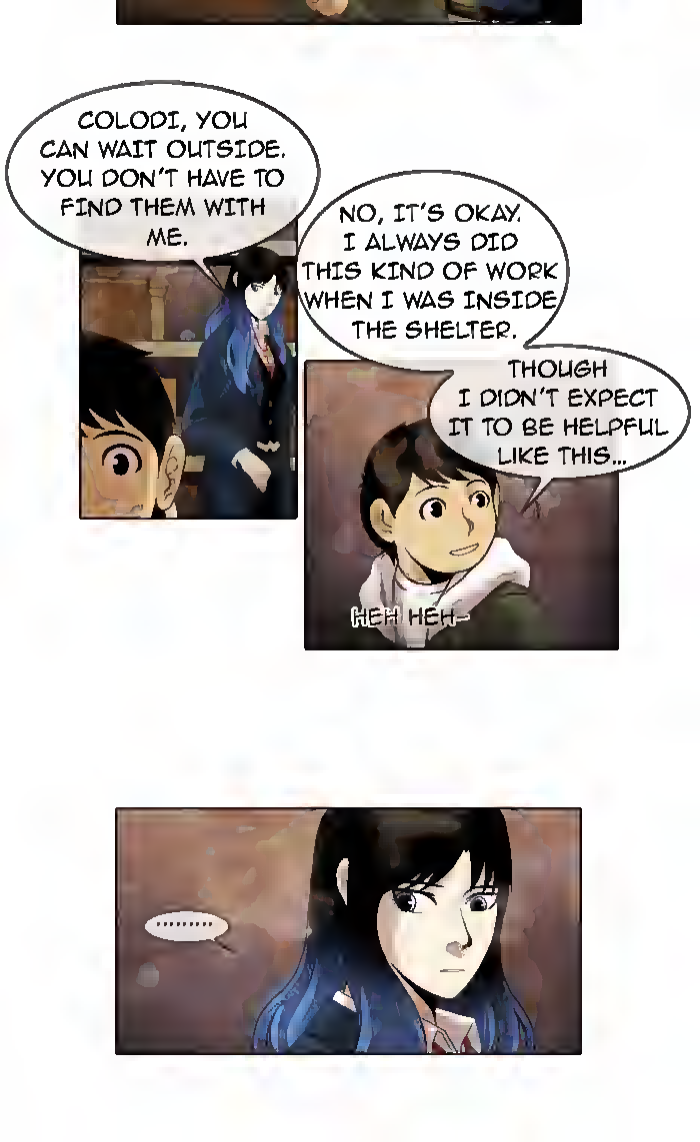

DOCTOR GEPETTO'S ANDROIDS WERE ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING MODELS.
ALTHOUGH THESE ANDROIDS WERE MASS-PRODUCED, THE MOST CRITICAL PARTS, THE ARTIFICIAL BRAINS, WERE ALL PRODUCED UNDER THE STRICT REGULATION OF DOCTOR GEPETTO.
THEREFORE, HUMANS NEVER FIGURED OUT HOW TO CREATE THE NEXT GENERATION ANDROIDS, EVEN UP UNTIL THE MOMENT HE DIED.
AND THEN, THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT FATHER'S INHERITANCE.

SOMETHING'S STRANGE. HUMANS HATE THE ANDROIDS SO MUCH. WHY DO THEY WANT THE INHERITANCE?
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE MORE ANDROIDS...
AND HOW COME THE ANDROIDS WANT IT?
...
...COLODI. ACTUALLY, THERE'S NO NEED FOR HUMANS TO BE AT WAR WITH US.
HUH?


COLODI, YOU CAN WAIT OUTSIDE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIND THEM WITH ME.
NO, IT'S OKAY. I ALWAYS DID THIS KIND OF WORK WHEN I WAS INSIDE THE SHELTER.
THOUGH I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE HELPFUL LIKE THIS...
HEH HEH-
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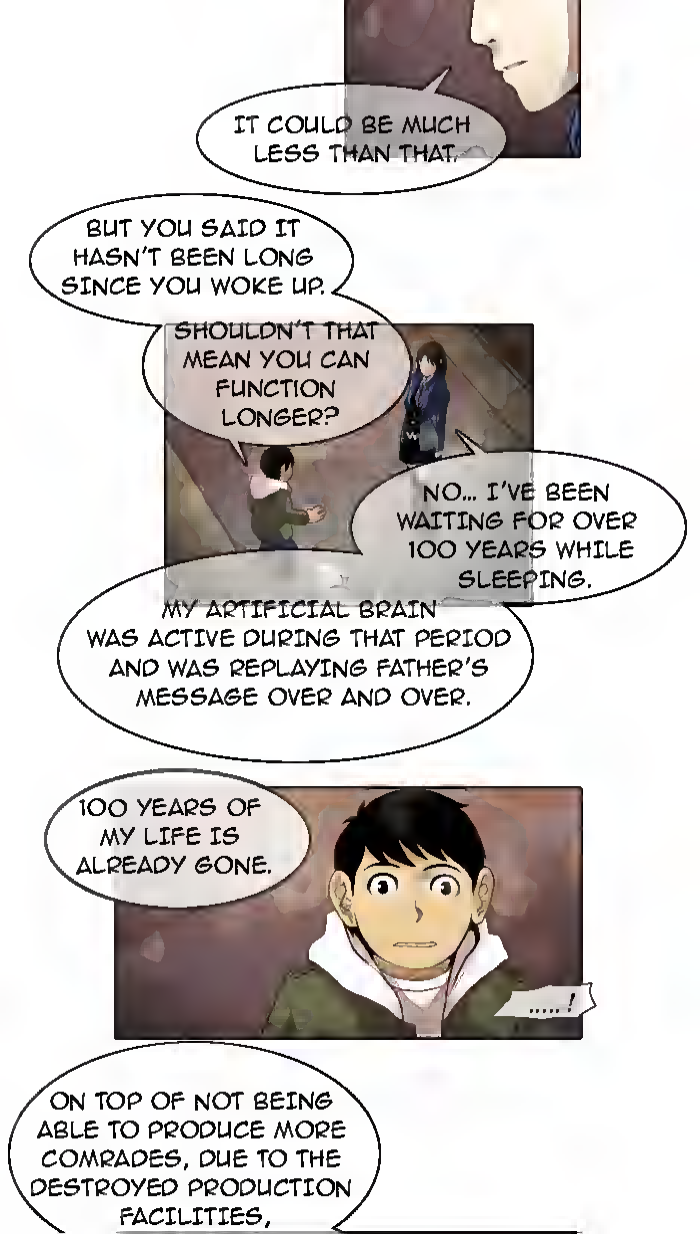
IT COULD BE MUCH LESS THAN THAT.
BUT YOU SAID IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE YOU WOKE UP.
SHOULDN'T THAT MEAN YOU CAN FUNCTION LONGER?
NO... I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR OVER 100 YEARS WHILE SLEEPING.
MY ARTIFICIAL BRAIN WAS ACTIVE DURING THAT PERIOD AND WAS REPLAYING FATHER'S MESSAGE OVER AND OVER.
100 YEARS OF MY LIFE IS ALREADY GONE.
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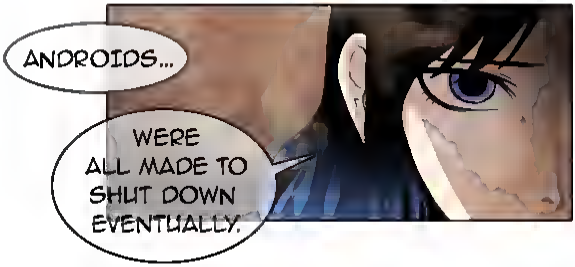
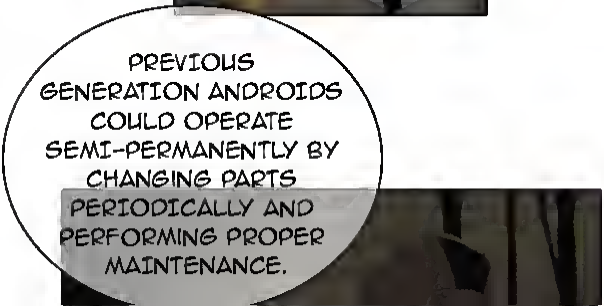
ON TOP OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PRODUCE MORE COMRADES, DUE TO THE DESTROYED PRODUCTION FACILITIES,


ANDROIDS...
WERE ALL MADE TO SHUT DOWN EVENTUALLY.

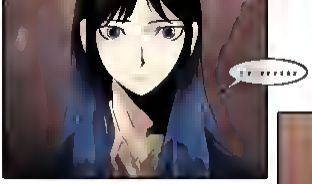
SHUT DOWN...?
EVEN YOU, WHALE?
YES, EVEN ME.

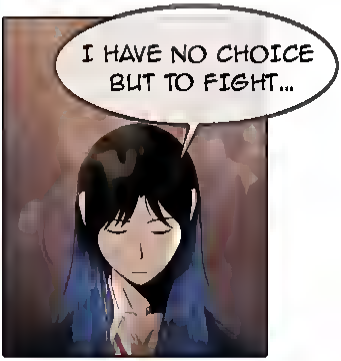

PREVIOUS GENERATION ANDROIDS COULD OPERATE SEMI-PERMANENTLY BY CHANGING PARTS PERIODICALLY AND PERFORMING PROPER MAINTENANCE.

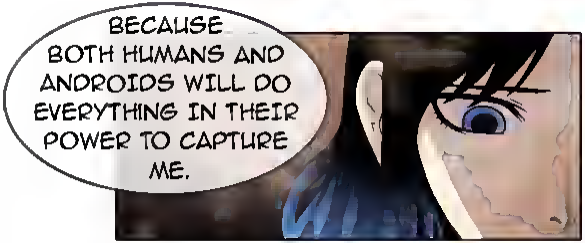
LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH.
COLODI, YOU GO WITH WHALE.
WHALE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH ME. SO WE CAN CONTACT EACH OTHER WHEN WE FIND THE PARTS.
MALE-TYPE PARTS WON'T BE OF ANY USE ON WHALE, AND EVEN FEMALE-TYPE PARTS WILL ALSO BE USELESS IF THEY AREN'T THE RIGHT MODEL. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH THEM.
CAN YOU DO IT, COLODI?

WHY IS THAT...?
WHY ARE THE ANDROIDS AND HUMANS BOTH TRYING SO HARD TO FIND YOU?
IT'S BECAUSE OF...
MY FATHER, DOCTOR GEPETTO'S INHERITANCE.

DOCTOR GEPETTO'S...
INHERITANCE?
THAT'S RIGHT. DOCTOR GEPETTO LEFT BEHIND AN INHERITANCE WHICH CONTAINS EVERYTHING ABOUT ANDROIDS BEFORE HE DIED...
AND HE LEFT A CLUE TO ITS WHEREABOUTS WITHIN ME.




I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT...


BECAUSE BOTH HUMANS AND ANDROIDS WILL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO CAPTURE ME.

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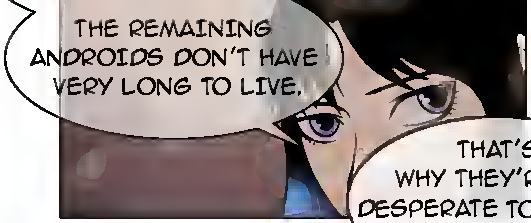

BECAUSE THE SOLUTION TO ALL OF THIS MUST BE LEFT IN THE INHERITANCE.

I DON'T TRY AS HARD AS YOU GUYS TO ACHIEVE GEPETTO'S CODE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SHUT DOWN EITHER.
DOCTOR GEPETTO MADE THE NEXT GENERATION ANDROIDS BASED OFF OF ME. SO MY BRAIN PROBABLY DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT EITHER.

IT'S A DATA SCAN OF WHALE'S ENTIRE BODY.

GEPETTO

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IT'S BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? LEADER.
LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH.
I'LL TAKE THIS AREA AND YOU TAKE THE OTHER SIDE.
ALRIGHT